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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE AND YOUR EFFORTS TO GET STARTED WITH THE INDIANS ON ENERGY.

2. WE CONCUR FULLY WITH YOUR CONCLUSION IN PARA 1, I.E., INDIAN REQUESTS FOR COOPERATION SHOULD AT THIS POINT BE HANDLED ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

3. WE NOTE RAMAKRISHNA'S REFERENCE TO AID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. THIS MAY COME IN TIME BUT SINCE THE GOI HAS YET TO RESPOND TO OUR WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO AID TALKS IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST.

4. BEFORE GETTING IN TOO DEEPLY WITH THE GOI ON ENERGY, COAL GASIFICATION, ETC. WE RECOMMAND YOU DEBRIEF PEOPLE LIKE SIDNEY KATELL AND CARL RAMPECEK OF THE BUREAU OF MINES AND JIM SLATER
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OF INTERIOR. THEY HAVE BEEN HERE RECENTLY AND HAVE TALKED TO

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THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED. WE THINK YOU WILL REACH THE CONCLUSION, AS WE HAVE, THAT THERE IS AMPLE ROOM FOR SPECIFIC COLLABORATION ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR BASIS BUT THAT THE GOI THINKS IT CAN MOVE MUCH MORE RAPIDLY IN SOME FIELDS, PARTICULARLY COAL GASIFICATION, THAN IT ACTUALLY CAN. MOREOVER, DESPITE AMBASSADOR KAUL'S SPEECHES, THE GOI IS STILL VERY SLOW IN MOVING AHEAD IN PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATION.

5. FINALLY, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IF YOU ACTUALLY DID SEND A PAPER ON OIL EXPLORATION TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY (NEW DELHI'S 6164), AND IF ANY REACTION WAS OBTAINED. SCHNEIDER

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